

Nepal Cultural Masterpiece Experience



Trip Overview

This 9-day journey is a living exhibition of Nepal, combining ancient cities, sacred rivers, hilltop temples, artisan villages, and Newar culture into a single immersive experience. Guests participate in private rituals, hands-on artisan workshops, seasonal festivals, and spiritual ceremonies, while absorbing panoramic Himalayan vistas and the valley's timeless charm. This tour is designed for travelers seeking a world-class cultural odyssey, blending aesthetics, history, spirituality, and hands-on learning.

Total Trip Days: 9 Days

Region: Kathmandu

Trip Highlights

- Private terrace access to Pashupatinath evening aarti

- Sunrise rituals at Chandragiri Hills with Himalayan vistas
- Artisan-led paubha painting, mask-making, and pottery workshops
- Immersion in hidden Newar villages: Kirtipur, Sankhu, Thimi, Nala
- Participation in sacred river rituals and seasonal festivals
- Private storytelling sessions about dynasties, mythology, and living culture
- Exclusive cultural evenings in heritage courtyards with music and dance

Itinerary

Day 1:

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport and transfer to a heritage boutique hotel in central Kathmandu (30–40 minutes). After check-in and rest, enjoy exclusive terrace access to Pashupatinath Temple to witness the evening Shiva aarti from a private vantage point. Your guide explains the rituals, chants, and mythological stories while you observe sadhus performing meditation and devotees offering prayers along the Bagmati River ghats. Dinner is served at a traditional courtyard restaurant.

Day 2:

After breakfast, drive 30–40 minutes northeast to Changu Narayan, Nepal's oldest temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Explore intricate wood carvings, ancient inscriptions, and the surrounding village life. Midday, continue to Doleshwor Mahadev, a hilltop Shiva shrine. Participate in a puja ritual with guidance from a local priest and enjoy panoramic valley views. Return to Kathmandu in the late afternoon for rest or optional rooftop photography sessions.

Day 3:

Drive 1–1.5 hours to Sankhu, a medieval town where Hindu and Buddhist traditions merge. Guests join morning puja rituals, spin prayer wheels, and interact with local caretakers. A short uphill hike (30–40 minutes) leads to Vajrayogini Temple, where participants engage in guided meditation and ritual offerings. Afternoon return to Kathmandu with a stop at local handicraft markets.

Day 4:

Morning drive to Bhaktapur, exploring hidden courtyards, ancient squares, and artisan streets usually closed to regular tourists. Participate in paubha painting, mask-making, or pottery workshops with master artisans. Afternoon includes optional festival rituals if seasonal, or a private storytelling session on the city's dynasties and spiritual history. Evening dinner in a heritage courtyard restaurant with traditional music performance.

Day 5:

Morning drive to Kirtipur, a hill town rich in Newar culture. Explore temples, palaces, and traditional alleys with a local historian. Midday, engage in a hands-on cooking session with a Newar family, preparing traditional dishes for ritual offerings. Afternoon includes a guided walk through sacred courtyards and interaction with village elders. Return to Kathmandu for evening at leisure.

Day 6:

Early morning transfer to Chandragiri Hills for sunrise over the Himalayas. Participate in ritual offerings at hilltop shrines, accompanied by traditional music. Afternoon visit to hidden goddess temples like Taleju and neighborhood shrines accessible only with local guides. Evening return to Kathmandu for cultural debrief and reflection session at hotel.

Day 7:

Drive to Nala and Thimi villages, renowned for traditional masks, pottery, and metalwork. Guests craft their own ritual masks under artisan guidance. Afternoon includes a visit to local shrines and interaction with temple caretakers. Evening features private traditional music and dance performance in a courtyard open only to special guests.

Day 8:

Participate in rituals at Bagmati or Bishnumati rivers, guided by sadhus and local priests. Guests engage in chanting, offerings, and learn the mythological significance of sacred water. Afternoon free to explore artisan markets for sacred crafts and souvenirs. Evening farewell dinner at heritage restaurant with storytelling and cultural performance.

Day 9:

Morning reflective walk through hidden temples or local ghats. Final opportunity for ritual offering or photography. Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport for onward departure.